

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal comprising:

an input device ~~operative to receive~~ receiving prepaid card identification indicia, in a form different from a credit card number, from a prepaid card issued to a customer by a prepaid card issuer when said prepaid card is presented in payment by said customer, said prepaid card issuer having a credit card account identified by a credit card number; and

a processor, ~~operative to identify said credit card number by~~ using said prepaid card identification indicia ~~to identify said credit card number~~, said credit card number being different from said prepaid card identification indicia, and ~~to communicate~~ communicating said credit card number to a credit card server which is ~~operative to process~~ processes a credit card transaction, charging said payment to said credit card account.

12. (Original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said input device is a card reader.

13. (Original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said input device is a keyboard.

14. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor is ~~operative to verify~~ verifies validity of said prepaid card identification indicia prior to processing said credit card transaction.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and also comprising a communicator, ~~operative to communicate~~ communicating said prepaid card identification indicia to a remote server to determine validity of said prepaid card.

17. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said remote server ~~is operative to communicate~~ communicates information regarding a balance remaining on said prepaid card, via said communicator, to said terminal.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and also comprising a storage device for storing said credit card number.

20. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said point of sale terminal receives, from a remote server, said credit card number.

21-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said point of sale terminal ~~is operative to transmit~~ transmits information to a credit card transaction clearinghouse, said information including said credit card number.

24. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said credit card account is associated with a plurality of said prepaid cards.

25. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor ~~is operative to enable~~ enables said credit card number to be accessed at said point of sale terminal using said prepaid card identification indicia.

26. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor ~~is operative to enable~~ enables said credit card number to be identified at said point of sale terminal by accessing a lookup table based on said prepaid card

identification indicia.

27. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said credit card number is stored at said remote server.

28. (Currently Amended) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said processor ~~is operative to enable~~ enables said credit card number to be accessed at said remote server using said prepaid card identification indicia.

29. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said processor ~~is operative to identify~~ identifies said credit card number by sending said prepaid card identification indicia to a remote server which includes a lookup table.

30. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said validity of said prepaid card relates to balance information.